

Introduced Species Panel

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Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara in Biology/Plant Physiology. Plant physiologist since 1974 and is currently the Plant Physiologist and Lead Scientist for the Exotic and Invasive Research Unit at the Aquatic Weed Research Laboratory at UC Davis. Research includes biology, ecology and management of aquatic weeds, with particular focus on reproduction and invasiveness of exotic species.

Nathan Dechoretz, California Department of Food and Agriculture

30 years working in the field of aquatic weed control. From 1967 to 1987, managed and conducted research at the USDA Aquatic Weed Control Research Laboratory in Davis, CA. Since 1987, he has served as Program Supervisor for the Weed and Vertebrate Control, Hydrilla Eradication and Biological Control Programs, and the Weed Information, Mapping, and GIS Project at the CDFA. .

Jim Orsi, California Department of Fish and Game

Project leader for the Neomysis/Zooplankton project since 1972 and has published 11 peer-reviewed papers on mysids and zooplankton and two IEP technical reports. Member of the Estuarine Ecology (Project Work) Team of the Interagency Ecological Program since its inception.

Debra Ayres

Bachelor's degree in Botany from UC Berkeley in 1976 and a Master's degree in Biology from the University of Oregon. Research associate in the Botany Department at UC Davis then returned to graduate school at UC Davis, where she studied the clonal and population biology of a rare chaparral daisy, and received a Ph.D. in Ecology in 1997. Worked in the Spartina lab of Don Strong combining molecular biology with field and greenhouse observations to understand a hybridization phenomena occurring in the marshes of San Francisco Bay between a native and an introduced cordgrass.

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Jan Thompson, USGS

USGS Biologist since 1972. Worked on the bay and lower delta since 1972 looking at the benthic community and how it influences and is influenced by the ecosystem. Core research areas include dynamics of an introduced benthic community on south bay mudflat (15 year study) and secondary production of benthic communities in north and south bay and where this integrates with carbon flow through the ecosystem.

Kim Webb, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento-San Joaquin Fisheries Resource Office Fisheries Biologist since 1994. Currently heading CALFED's Nonnative Invasive Species Program. Previous project work included Juvenile salmon monitoring, investigation, analysis and reporting work as part of Interagency Ecological Program and USFWS Regional Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Coordinator (1996-1998).